GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Special Fund to States
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government on the completion of the new rail line projects and other railway projects during the last three years and the current year, State/Zone and Project-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allocate special fund to the States for the construction of such projects and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether a number of railway projects including railway line projects are lying pending/suspended in various States including Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat and Kerala and sufficient funds have not been allocated by the Government for the implementation of the said railway projects in spite of the completion of survey work;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the effective steps taken by the Government to implement the ongoing projects on priority basis and to complete the projects within the fixed time frame in the country especially in Bihar, Gujarat and Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Funds to the new line projects are allocated project-wise and zone-wise on year to year basis and allocation are presented alongwith cumulative expenditure in the form of Pink Book submitted to the House along with the Budget Papers. Project-wise budget allotment is made as per availability of resources. As the overall allocation was less in the past, all the projects could not be allotted adequate funds, thereby slowing down many projects although no project was suspended on this account. During last three years, outlay for New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects has been substantially increased from about `11,700 Cr. in 2013-14 to over `46,300 Cr. in 2016-17.

There is a large shelf of ongoing projects including those in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat and Kerala. All the ongoing major projects including new lines, gauge conversion and doublings need about `3.86 lakh crore for their completion.

(e): To expedite completion of projects, various other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects in the country are (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) prioritisation of projects, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc. Railways have arranged additional funds by way of loan from LIC for funding throughput enhancement projects. This has resulted in substantial increase in pace of execution of projects in the last three years.
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